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in their fields of specialty while prisoners. All members of NKVD contract labor gangs worked as ordinary laborers. Army officers had no contact with the prisoners, who worked an eight-hour day under the surveillance of NKVD guards and prisoner-guards.

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2. Another type of labor group utilized by the Soviet Army was the military labor battalion, which I have mentioned previously

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3. The following categories of civilian authorities were generally contacted

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- (a) The "prokuror" (procurator) of a Soviet Republic or "oblast" - he was contacted in regard to deciding the sums the Soviet Army was to pay to persons displaced by new military construction; the "prokuror" approved the sum and the time limit for moving,
- (b) The "kommunhoz" (kommunalniya khoziastvo gorodskovo soveta - communal economy section of the city soviet) - this organization gave the land required for military construction sites,
- (c) The city engineer (he worked for the gorsovet, ie city Soviet) - liaison was maintained with this official in order to discuss problems connected with insuring that military buildings would blend in with the style of civilian buildings in the particular city,
- (d) The "zemelni otel" of the OBLISPOLKOM (the land department of the oblastnoi ispolnitelni komitet - the governing committee of the oblast) - this department was contacted to obtain land for military construction outside city limits. The "zemelni otel" gave the required land to the army, as happened, in the case of the 42 hectares needed for the tank park [see par 1 above], with its railroad spur and motor road, and
- (e) The GORENERGO (the electric department of a city soviet) - this department was contacted in order to discuss the problem of how new military construction would tie into the existing electric power net.

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